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In re patent application of

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For: A PREVENTIVE OR THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR PANCREATITIS  
COMPRISING IL-6 ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE INGREDIENT**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 27-39 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 6, line 2, delete "any of claims 2 to 5" and insert --claim 2--.

Claim 9, line 2, delete "any of claims 2 to 4" and insert --claim 2--.

Claim 11, line 2, delete "any of claims 1 to 10" and insert --claim 1--.

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